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SUBJECT: ECUADOR DEMARCHE RESPONSE: CONVENTION AGAINST
TORTURE ELECTION

REF: STATE 107679

¶1. (SBU) On August 9, PolOff met with Lourdes Puma Puma, MFA Director General of Multilateral Affairs, and delivered reftel demarche, including dip note, talking points, and CV for Ms. Felice Gaer. Puma said that the GOE is aware of Gaer's run for reelection and approved of her previous participation on the committee, but did not express commitment to support her candidacy.

¶2. (SBU) Puma asked that the USG support Ecuador's own candidate, Luis Benigno Gallegos Chiriboga. She explained that Ambassador Chiriboga presented his candidacy in March of 2007 and was well known in the international community from having served as the Ambassador to the U.S. since October 2005 and as Ecuador's UN Permanent Rep during 2002-2005. She said Ecuador is very keen on his election as Ecuador was not well represented on UN bodies.

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